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Sir:

Herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT CANCELING CLAIMS

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee in the above-identified application, kindly enter the following:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend Claim 8 as follows. A marked-up copy is enclosed herewith.

8. (Amended) The contour emphasizing circuit according to claim 6, wherein the synchronizing means is composed of the 1-dot delay circuit 11 and the 1-line delay circuit 12 for synchronizing the timings of all the 17 pixels, namely, the objective pixel C3 and the pairs of adjacent horizontal pixels C1 and C5, C2 and C4, the pairs of adjacent vertical pixels A3 and E3, B3 and D3, the pairs of adjacent rightward-rising pixels E1 and A5, D2 and B4, and the pairs of adjacent leftward-rising pixels A1 and E5, B2 and D4; the contour direction detecting stage 24 is composed of the subtracting circuit 13 for detecting the difference in the luminance between each of the pairs of the horizontal pixels C1 and C5, C2 and C4, each of the pairs of the vertical pixels A3 and E3,